

terminology of graph theory, help to describe these:

- All nSource software components are referred to generically as *Knowledge Nodes*, or K-Nodes. (105)

iii. Please amend the originally filed ABSTRACT as follows:

ABSTRACT

A modularized generalized control system is provided. The invention is an information transformation engine optimized for monitoring and control applications. The invention, referred to herein by its internal name of "nSource" for convenience, is the computational engine of an application-independent software architecture that is capable of generating a variety of different end-user applications. The design includes an abstraction of the essential logic element and a total orientation towards routine functional extension. One result at the project level is a system where the user can, with no in-depth knowledge of the software's internals, combine generic or purpose-built, user-configurable software objects to solve extremely complex problems.